

# **Cedar River Anadromous Fish Committee**

## **Summary Minutes**

**July 21, 2005**

**Meeting Time 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

### **Meeting Location:**

**Metering Building, Second Floor Conference Room  
SPU Operations Control Center  
2700 Airport Way South  
Seattle, WA**

**Members and Alternates Present:** Bruce Bachen (SPU), Brodie Antipa and Steve Foley (WDFW), Frank Urabeck (TU), Bill McKay (PSA), Phyllis Meyers (NMFS), Bill Robinson (Public), Tim Romanski (USFWS), Hans Berge (KC), and Michael Kern (LLTK)

**Other Participants:** Kirt Hughes and Dave Seiler (WDFW), Judith Noble, Cyndy Holtz and Paul Faulds (SPU)

**Public:** *None*

### **Call to order**

*Bruce Bachen called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM*

### **Approval of agenda**

*Members unanimously approved the draft agenda. Bruce noted that Steve Schroder could not attend the meeting today because he was involved in a bike accident. The agenda item featuring Steve was postponed to a later date.*

### **Meeting minutes review**

*Following some minor corrections the AFC unanimously approved the meeting minutes from June 15, 2005.*

### **HCP Downstream Habitat Protection and Restoration Program**

*Cyndy Holtz provided members with an update on the Cedar River HCP Downstream Habitat Program using a PowerPoint presentation. An agreement that will allow the program to begin property acquisition is expected to be considered by the Seattle City Council soon. The proposed agreement to acquire and manage property is with the Cascade Land Conservancy.*

### **Sockeye Monitoring and Research**

#### ***Otolith collection by Steve Schroder***

*Bruce reported there have been discussion between SPU and WDFW on discontinuing the sockeye carcass collection in the river for otoliths. A considerable amount of work has been done on carcass recoveries over the past 10 years and there is some question as to the utility of continuing this work. WDFW and SPU are proposing to monitor the reproductive fitness traits of returning adult sockeye. This study will be led by Steve Schroder (WDFW) and will include field crews from WDFW and SPU. The study will collect data on sockeye fecundity, egg size, age of maturity and size at age.*

## **Sockeye hatchery**

### ***Final SEIS***

*Bruce noted that Judith Noble was invited to the meeting to bring members up to date on the FSEIS for the replacement sockeye hatchery. Judith noted the FSEIS was released on July 14, 2005 and the appeal period will end on July 29, 2005.*

## **Sockeye Monitoring and Research - Continued**

### ***Fish Health Monitoring***

*Bruce reported the HCP calls for an enhanced fish health monitoring program for the hatchery starting this year.*

### **Review letter to ACOE**

*Bruce provided members with a draft letter from the AFC for the ACOE concerning the operation of the saltwater drain system. He noted that Frank U. had already provided comments. Michael K. and Phyllis M. provided some additional comments at the meeting. Frank made a motion that after Bruce addressed the comments he should send the letter to the ACOE on behalf of the AFC. Bill R. seconded the motion. All members present were in favor of this approach.*

## **Interim mitigation program for coho, chinook and steelhead**

### ***Discuss prioritization process for 2006 and schedule for RFP***

*Bruce reported that SPU was still gathering information on costs of running Chinook and coho DNA samples collected at Landsburg. The goal of this pursuit will be to provide the AFC with an accurate estimate of the amount of money to reserve for DNA analysis beyond 2008.*

### ***Priorities for 2006***

*Members discussed what information would be useful to help make decisions for work in 2006. Frank U. motioned that the Chair provide the AFC with 5 questions for the interim program which included three elements feasibility, management implications, and costs and Bill M. seconded. All members voted in favor of this approach.*

## **Sockeye Hatchery continued**

### ***Discussion setting egg take goal for 2005***

*Brodie A. noted the sockeye run this year was less than expected and as few as 70,000 fish may enter the river. However, WDFW still felt the egg take goal of 17.2 million might be possible. The AFC adopted an egg take goal of 17.2 million for 2005.*

## **Information and discussion items**

### ***Weir report for 2004***

*Brodie A. noted the 2004 report should be available for the next meeting. Members received copies of the 2003 weir report.*

### ***August AFC Meeting***

*Members felt an August meeting was not needed and the meeting was cancelled.*

### ***Meeting adjourned***

*The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM*